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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/921
Serial No. 10/041,693	Filing Date January 7, 2002	Examiner B. Snow	Group Art Unit 3738
Inventor(s) Margaret Ann Kato et al.			
Title of Invention Waist Elastic System With Improved Elastic Decay Properties For A Training Pant			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Small Entity

Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

or

Other Than Small Entity

Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18 =	
x \$84 =	
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Our Case No. 659/921

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Margaret Ann Kato, et al.

Serial No.: 10/041,693

Filing Date: January 7, 2002

For **WAIST ELASTIC SYSTEM WITH
IMPROVED ELASTIC DECAY
PROPERTIES FOR A TRAINING
PANT**

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) Examiner: B. Snow
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) Group Art Unit No. 3738
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.